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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT KATZIR OF ISRAEL

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KATIZIR  
OF ISRAEL:

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF  
SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR KEATING WHO WAS NOT  
ONLY AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT BUT ALSO AN OLD AND  
VALUED FRIEND OF MINE. HIS SERVICE AS MY REPRESENTATIVE  
IN ISRAEL WAS YET ANOTHER CHAPTER IN A LONG AND VERSATILE  
AREER WHICH WON THE AFFECTION AND ADMIRATION OF ALL WHO  
KNEW HIM. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT, IN OUR MOMENT OF  
SADNESS, WE MOST DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR WORDS OF COMFORT.  
WITH PERSONAL BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD."

3. FYI: FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE SENT TO PRESIDENT FORD BY  
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PRESIDENT KATZIR: "IT WAS WITH DEEP DISTRESS THAT I LEARN-

ED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF AMBASSADOR KENNETH KEATINY WHO  
HAD REPRESENTED YOUR COUNTRY IN ISRAEL WITH SUCH DISTINCTION  
AND HAD GAINED OUR TRUST AND AFFECTION. PLEASE ACCEPT,  
MR. PRESIDENT, THIS EXPRESSION OF MY SYMPATHY WITH YOU AND  
WITH YOUR COUNTRY IN THE LOSS OF SO DISTINGUISHED AN  
AMERICAN. EPHRAIM KATZIR, PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL." KISSINGER

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